

When she builds up the courage to audition for the lead role in the school play, she thinks she's knocked it out of the park—until she learns that she's been assigned to the stage crew. April is devastated. It seems like the curtain is closing on her dream of being an actor.

The next day, April overhears the theater director, Ms. Rooney, talking about her decision not to cast her because she's disabled—April has a tracheostomy tube that helps her breathe. Suddenly, her worst fear is coming true: Could something that's always been a part of her really mean she isn't good enough?

With the help of her best friend, a sneaky student reporter, and her spirited castmates, April learns to confront her own insecurities as a performer. But will she prove to everyone that she deserves a fair shot in time for opening night?

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